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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Carrier Qualifications for Project Pilots

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1. Project pilots [redacted] carrier qualified on the USS Lexington off Pensacola, Florida on 21 November 1973. [redacted] received two touch-and-go landings and one arrested landing. [redacted] received two touch-and-go landings and three arrested landings. Poor weather conditions in the Pensacola area precluded the pilots from receiving the normal number of landings (two touch-and-go and four arrested).

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2. To improve the present carrier training capability and in view of the non-availability of the USS Lexington until completion of her overhaul in May 1974, it is recommended that consideration be given to having all project pilots make low approaches to a San Diego based aircraft carrier. Low approaches in the U-2 to a carrier is considered to be the next best method of maintaining a carrier capability other than arrested landings.

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